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In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 20, and 21 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A stack of ~~alternating~~ stationery sheets having ~~repeating~~ inboard slit diecuts offset among ~~said~~ adjoining sheets and repeating identically in alignment in alternating sheets throughout said stack.

2. (original) A stack according to claim 1 wherein said sheets have identical configurations except for said diecuts being offset among said sheets.

3. (previously presented) A loose stack of sheets according to claim 2 wherein adjoining sheets have corresponding slit diecuts extending therethrough, and disposed inboard from respective perimeters thereof at different offsets from said perimeters.

4. (original) A stack according to claim 3 wherein said repeating diecuts are offset laterally from each other.

5. (original) A stack according to claim 3 wherein said repeating diecuts are offset from each other in adjoining sheets and aligned with each other in a next successive sheet.

6. (original) A stack according to claim 5 wherein said different offsets repeat in successive sheets.

7. (original) A stack according to claim 3 wherein said adjoining sheets have corresponding patterns of multiple diecuts offset from each other from sheet to sheet.

8. (original) A stack according to claim 7 wherein said diecut patterns are offset laterally from each other.

9. (previously presented) A stack according to claim 7 wherein each of said diecut patterns includes an arcuate diecut and straight diecut spaced laterally therefrom.

10. (original) A stack according to claim 9 wherein each of said diecut patterns further includes a pair of straight diecuts defining a band spaced laterally from said arcuate diecut.

11. (original) A stack according to claim 9 wherein said diecut patterns are offset laterally from each other from sheet to sheet.

12. (original) A stack according to claim 9 wherein each of said sheets includes three sections defining corresponding pages, and said diecut pattern is disposed in a center page between adjoining front and back pages.

13. (previously presented) A method of making said stack of sheets according to claim 3 comprising:

unwinding a continuous web from a roll;

cutting said web with a die to form therein repeating diecuts along a running axis of said web, and offset from each other in turn;

cutting said sheets from said web, with each of said sheets having said diecut offset from the next successive sheet; and

stacking said sheets with alternating sheets having offset diecuts.

14. (original) A method according to claim 13 wherein said

diecuts are offset from each other transversely to said running axis.

15. (original) A method according to claim 13 wherein said diecuts repeat transversely across said running axis without offset therealong, and repeat along said running axis with said offset.

16. (original) A method according to claim 15 further comprising:

slitting said web along said running axis transversely between said repeating diecuts;

cutting said sheets from said slit web; and

stacking said sheets from said slit web with alternating sheets having offset diecuts.

17. (original) A method of using said stack of sheets according to claim 3 comprising:

loading said stack of sheets into a printer;

feeding individual sheets from said stack through said printer; and

printing print on said sheet fed through said printer.

18. (original) A method according to claim 17 wherein said sheets are loaded in said printer with said diecuts being offset transversely to the feeding direction thereof.

19. (original) A method according to claim 18 further comprising folding said printed sheet in three overlapping pages with said diecut being disposed in a center page between front and back pages.

20. (currently amended) A stack of sheets comprising:

alternating stationery sheets having repeating slit

diecuts extending therethrough, and disposed inboard from respective perimeters thereof; and

said repeating diecuts being differently offset from said perimeters in loose adjoining sheets, and ~~aligned~~ repeating identically in alignment with each other in a next successive sheet ~~in~~ throughout said stack.

21. (currently amended) A stack of first and second adjoining stationery sheets each having ~~identical configurations and identical slit diecuts except for offset of said diecuts~~ an inboard diecut, with said first and second sheets alternating successively in the entirety of said stack, with said first sheets being identical in configuration and alignment of said diecuts therein, and said second sheets being identical in configuration and alignment of said diecuts therein, with said diecuts in said first and second sheets being offset from each other to prevent overlap of said diecuts between adjacent sheets.

22. (previously presented) A stack according to claim 21 wherein said sheets have identical patterns of multiple diecuts in each sheet offset from each other in said adjacent sheets to prevent overlap of said multiple diecuts between said adjacent sheets.

23. (previously presented) A stack according to claim 22 wherein said diecut patterns are offset differently from respective perimeters of said adjacent sheets.

24. (previously presented) A stack according to claim 23 wherein said different offset is practically imperceptible.

25. (previously presented) A stack according to claim 23 wherein each of said sheets includes three sections defining

corresponding pages, and said diecut pattern is disposed in a center page between adjoining front and back pages.